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Life of Bennett Higgins, Moderator of Trinity Congregational UCC

When Faith Walked in the Door

On Thursday, December 16, 2010, the family, members, and friends of Trinity Congregational Church, United Church of Christ celebrated the life of Bennett Edward Higgins. I am writing about this event to the Southeast Conference as a bridge of faith and hope to those persons who never knew him, and to those persons who knew him, what joy and fond memories we now have.

Bennett Higgins was a faithful member to Trinity, the AL/TN Association, Southeast Conference, and his community. He served as Moderator of Trinity for over 30 years. Also, Bennett was an educator for 34 years in the Limestone County School System; one of the founding members of the Limestone County Branch of the NAACP; a charter member of the

Alabama Democratic of the Limestone County Branch and was chairman for many years. Because of his love for country, he joined the United States Army and served during the Korean Conflict. Finally, but not exhaustively, Bennett applied passed down entrepreneurial skills from his father and grandfather and became co-founder and co-owner of Peoples Funeral Home, Inc. in Athens, Alabama.

His devoted wife Shirley Higgins of over 50 years is still a very devoted member of Trinity and was very active in the conference and association too. However, I will always remember Bennett Edward Higgins as an inspiration to me. He served on the AL/TN Church and Ministry Committee when I first met him. Moreover, Bennett inspired me as pastor of Trinity when his faith walked through the door on many occasions despite his failing health. He came to praise God from whom all

blessings flow and receive strength to go on despite the vicissitudes of life.



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